

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

Grazing Improvement Program

4 X 4 truck purchase

Plans for truck.

We have had some changes in the Grazing Improvement Program that necessitates the purchase of a new vehicle (4x4 truck) to accomplish the mission of the program. With the retirement of Bill Hopkin the former manager we have promoted the former NW Region Coordinator Troy Forrest to the Program Manager Position. Taylor Payne was promoted to be the NW Region Coordinator. Formerly Taylor was working in a jointly funded position with the Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS/UDAF as a Sage Grouse Initiative coordinator, while in that position he had access to and used an NRCS vehicle to accomplish work tasks. With his promotion he has been using his personal truck and just recently we were able to borrow a vehicle from another division at UDAF. However they need their truck back and therefore we are asking for a vehicle so that Taylor can accomplish the tasks required of the NW Region Coordinator.

Budget

Expenses	
Capital Equipment	\$30,000
Funding	
1035 Rangeland Improvement	\$30,000

Operational expenses won't increase as we are already paying for operations

Performance measures: We will continue to track all performance measures currently used for the Grazing Improvement Program. Frankly we don't expect to see a large increase as the job and what is being accomplished won't change. The truck will just facilitate the ongoing program needs.